

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Xiaobin Zhao Art Unit : 1623
Serial No. : 09/920,286 Examiner : Patrick T. Lewis
Filed : August 2, 2001 Conf. No. : 3882
Title : PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF MULTIPLE CROSS-LINKED
HYALURONIC ACID DERIVATIVES

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PETITION TO WITHDRAW

Applicant hereby petitions under §1.313(c)(2) for the withdrawal of this application from issue to permit consideration of to permit consideration of the documents filed herewith. The issue fee was paid on November 21, 2005.

A Request for Continued Examination of this application under §1.114 is being filed simultaneously herewith. The Request for Continued Examination is intended to continue this application on the grant of this petition. Also filed herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement.

Please charge \$130 in payment of the petition fee required by 1.17(h), and apply any other charges or credits, to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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